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L'OSCAR ▲

A former Baptist church in Bloomsbury has been transformed into the 39-room L'Oscar. Parisian architect Jacques Garcia has created an ornate interior with accents of the building's ecclesiastical past cleverly woven into the design. Original tiled floors and fireplaces feature terracotta panels depicting biblical scenes, and elements from these panels have been reinterpreted by Garcia in details around the hotel. The building's Grade II-listed chapel houses a restaurant run by chef Tony Fleming and a bar is installed where the organ used to be.

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THE STRATFORD ►

Opposite, 'Loafer' lounge chair, £1,500, by Space Copenhagen, for &Tradition, at The Stratford

This 145-room hotel is set across the first six levels of Harry Handelsman's Manhattan Loft Gardens building, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, in east London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Interiors are by Space Copenhagen, the design studio behind the original Noma restaurant, and fuse Scandinavian style with old-world opulence. The Stratford's restaurant Allegra is headed up by former Chiltern Firehouse head chef Patrick Powell, and also offers alfresco dining in its sky garden.

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